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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

[REDACTED] Acting Chairman

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PRESENT:

NSA:

CIA:

ARMY:

NAVY:

AIR FORCE:

JOINT STAFF:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

Captain Frederick Welden

Lt. Colonel George J. Keithley

Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF

Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

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ALSO PRESENT:

NSA:

CIA:

NAVY:

SECRETARIAT:

Commander Frederick W. Hitz
Commander James T. Douglas
Lt. Commander Frank A. Mitchell

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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SUBJECT NUMBER

5.3/86
USIB-EE-5.2/86

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 24 March 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DISCUSSION:

Reference Item 2, Page 3, a revised page will be circulated.

The Minutes were amended accordingly.

DECISION: (24 March 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Meeting, as amended, were approved.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-9.4/31- Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-eighth Meeting of
9.3/31 the ELINT Committee, held on 24 March 1960.

Subject: Priority ELINT Requirements List

PROBLEM:

To consider the ELINT Requirements List submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee and circulated to the Members with USIB-EE-9.4/30.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman called on [REDACTED], Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group, 25X1A9a who introduced the subject and gave some of the background on its preparation.

Prior to a detailed review of the Requirements List, the NSA Member noted that he considered the List to be an eventual guide for NSA in its normal tasking procedures; however, it would not be used by other recipients for direct support tasking or levying on other current resources. The Members generally agreed, and a notation to this effect was added to Paragraph 4 of the Introduction on Page 1 of the document.

After further discussion, the Members reviewed the List in detail, after first approving the SECRET classification of the document. Several amendments were effected along with certain administrative changes. The Requirements List was then approved as amended.

At the request of several of the Members, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group agreed to provide a back-up paper to assist in briefing principals, outlining and justifying how ELINT satisfies certain specific requirements.

In discussion of Indicators, which appear in Requirements of Priority 1, it was understood that their inclusion in the Priorities List would not prejudice later discussion of ELINT Indicators per se.

The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Members, complimented the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the excellent and comprehensive report which they had turned out.

DECISION: (24 March 1960)

To approve the Priority ELINT Requirements List and to submit it for USIB consideration at the 5 April Board meeting.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of the ELINT Requirements List submitted by the Committee.

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USIB-EE-5./35 Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-eighth Meeting of
the ELINT Committee, held on 24 March 1960.

Subject: Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations.

PROBLEM:

To review the status of the Committee's fulfillment of its objectives and obligations; specifically, methods for evaluating pertinence, extent and quality of the ELINT produced on the basis of ELINT requirements and priorities (Paragraph 3d, DCID No. 6/2).

DISCUSSION:

The Joint Staff Member distributed a report prepared in compliance with the Committee charge at the Twenty-fifth Meeting.

It was decided to circulate the memorandum officially and defer consideration to the next regular meeting.

DECISION: (24 March 1960)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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Subject:

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To consider interim status report to USIB submitted for coordination by the ad hoc group of the COMINT Committee.

The Executive Secretary distributed a draft memorandum prepared by the COMINT Committee ad hoc group requesting ELINT Committee coordination. This was a status report on the problem, which it was hoped could be presented to USIB for the 29 March Board meeting.

The Members reviewed the draft in detail and effected several changes. One amendment eliminated the provision for the necessity for limiting the technical evaluation team to NSA and CIA. This was done in order to make possible the inclusion of a military member qualified in ELINT."

To concur in the draft memorandum as amended.

To consider approval of ELINT/COMINT status report submitted by the two Committees. [REDACTED] as

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-eighth Meeting, 24 March 1960, came to order at 0930.

2. With reference to the ELINT Committee report on Infrared, the Executive Secretary noted that the report had been submitted to the COMINT Committee for coordination (USIB-CC-5./70) and would be submitted to USIB as soon as the coordination has been effected.



4. With reference to the SIC report circulated with USIB-EE-33.1/10, the NSA Member requested that consideration by the Committee be deferred beyond the first meeting in April as proposed. The Members concurred. In this connection, the Executive Secretary will make an effort to secure additional copies for circulation.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1300.